



# M 28 : 19



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

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## Ad Gentes, Ad Extra, Ad Voluntarius

The concluded Mission Animation Seminar held last November 2009 at Tuloy sa Don Bosco, Muntinlupa City, Philippines which was attended by several Mission Animation delagates from the East Asia Oceania Region have agreed upon that true mission work and experience consists of a commitment which is for life. As such, missionaries serve in mission stations with the calling answering to the Church's *Ad Gentes, Ad Extra, Ad Vitam*.

Statistics from studies indicate that a number of lay people, who are experienced professionals, volunteer too. Although less trained, they have been trading successful practices and tenure for missionary stipends and uncertain futures.

The prevalence of volunteerism among this group are intent on spreading the message of hope across the globe seemingly prepared to the sacrifices a life dedicated to mission is demanded. While adventure, travel and gaining cultural experience might make a list of plausible reasons for volunteering, these lay volunteers are fundamentally motivated by an "extreme love of serving God." This "tremendous" call is between a church member and God.

More and more missionaries from developing countries, from places like South America, Inter-America and the Philippines, began to take over missions in the last decades.

However, sometimes the picture we see is one of imbalance, the work is hardly finished. And yet when we send short-term missionaries to volunteer, they go to places to countries where the work is already established and strong.

It is sometimes called lopsided mission work. There is a need to better educate volunteers to go to areas of acute need, especially in the region of largely unentered territory spanning from West Africa across Asia. Mission groups can consider the countries of Sri Lanka, Nepal, and even Muslim countries. These are blind spots where there is little mission.

It takes a gift to be a missionary. Not everybody has the chemistry, the endurance or the tolerance to be a missionary. Not everyone can tolerate sitting outside all day in a place without air conditioning, internet connection, and all comfortable amenities.

To be a missionary is a direct response to God's call. That call comes to them, and they say, "I would rather do this than anything else in the world." You cannot begin to describe their enthusiasm for mission. We re-echo the Church's invitation to spread the Gospel *Ad Gentes, Ad Extra, Ad Vitam*.



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## WE RECIEVE MESSAGES ...



*We would like to share the following messages we have received over the past years. They came in trickles but the simple hi and hello were enough for us to continue providing mission animation news the best way we could.*  
- Editor

Dear editor,

In behalf of my community, I thank you and your staff for always, without a miss (except one, hehehe) sending us copies of M28:19. your publication keeps us ever aware of our FIN missionary works, makes us updated about our missionary confreres and volunteers, and reminds us that our congregation is indeed missionary from the beginning. we truly appreciate your untiring zeal in this apostolate! kudos to all of you! may Don Bosco make you ever healthy to labor in this God-given ministry! Huwag susuko! Mabuhay! Assurance of our support and prayer....

fr.ronnie urbano,sdb  
don bosco san jose



Hello auxilliaries mission,

Thanks for the message about "M28 September Issue 2010 Newsletter". This is a one-time automatic confirmation

to let you know you're on my Boxbe Guest List.

Email from you will be delivered right to my Inbox.

Thank you,

Good on you co-missionaries.. let the light shine...

more power to you and your magazine...  
peace and love.

thanks for the m28 news.. it always inspires me to go on...  
fr. jojo sdb  
timor leste

dear moderator,

thanks for this. we appreciate all the articles. could you please add the ff. emails of our fma missionaries in mongolia and also of papua new guinea?

In unity and prayers for the people of Haiti. GBU  
thanks and God bless. sr. vena FMA

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the news edition that place the "Cambodia" connection and mission to the mission readers.

All the best from all of us in the Don Bosco Children Fund, Cambodia,

With Don Bosco and the young,  
Fr. Leo, staff and children

M28 and staff,

Congratulations for your work! Keep it up! God bless you.

Fr. Gio SDB

Many thanks for these. I'll put them into SDL under Regions-EAO-Missions.

Fr Julian

Grazie e ciao  
Don Francesco Cereda

Hi M28 staff,

You all are doing a wonderful job for providing "mission-awareness."  
I'm sure the Good God of this Mission (missio Dei) will not forget you hic et nunc and later. After all it's HIS work!  
Blessings,

Fr Gigi

*We welcome contributions from the different schools and parishes who have set up the missionary animation desk. The best practices you do will be a lot of help for others to follow and imitate. Thank you very much.*

# Haiti Relief Operations



Seven months after the Jan. 12 earthquake, a large part of Haiti continues to reel in the aftermath of the disaster. Haitians are praying and hoping that relief comes their way soon and that summer tropical storms bypass their country. All Haiti relief operations from different countries have been pouring in. In the spirit of solidarity, come World Mission Day, we remember to pray for the plight of the people of Haiti where it will still take some time to fully recover to where it had stood before.

Most people who lost their homes live in a tent community near the international airport. Unfortunately, the situation at present is confusing, even worse than in the days following the earthquake. The tents do not last long since rain and sun tear them apart and break them. Moreover, hunger is the worst experience of all. People do not care about others now.

The Archbishop Bernardito Auza, papal nuncio to Haiti, wrote that life is hardly any better in the hundreds of tent camps that sprouted in the broad earthquake zone in the days after the disaster. There is impossibility of finding alternatives of livelihood left alone with aid distribution and an ever increasing camp population.

Efforts by agencies such as Catholic Relief Services to provide transitional housing has helped some homeless Haitians, but the overwhelming majority of displaced people remain under improvised shelter. It is one solution to depopulate the tent camps and make sure that house is built on properties verified by owners. There are some NGOs (nongovernment organizations) that prefer to build permanent housing. But the situation as it may shows that we are light years away from fulfilling the demands. The archbishop said 250,000 homes are needed to house the 1.5 million people who remain in the camps. The situation is still far from that.

In a more positive note, the youth of Haiti are going back to school in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. Thanks to the work of Salesian Missions and the support of donors, much progress has been made although more has still to be done.

The unique, effective approach of Salesian Missions can be seen in recent photos from schools in Haiti. Older youth in trade schools are learning carpentry skills by making desks for classrooms. Students are learning tailoring skills by making school uniforms for children who would not have a school to go to if not for the presence of Salesian Missions.

In Haiti, youth are the long-term promise for rebuilding their country. They are eager to become nurses, teachers and construction workers, as well as to develop the skills needed to be the country's new leaders. At many schools, youth are back in classes even as debris continues to be cleared and construction begins.

Progress is being made, and hope is alive.

Please consider making a donation to provide opportunities for youth in Haiti.



# Building Ecclesial Communion

*The unity of the whole church of Christ depends, in no small part, on the Roman Catholic Church's active engagement and involvement in the affairs of ecumenical theology. The Second Vatican Council asserts that division "openly contradicts the will of Christ, provides a stumbling block to the world, and inflicts damage on the most holy cause of proclaiming the Good News to every creature." Every Catholic faithful is exhorted to "participate actively in the work of ecumenism. The task of ecumenism is not secondary to the mission of the church but "stands at the very heart of Christ's mission."*

*The Catholic Church's commitment to unity must start with an openness to the Holy Spirit at work in non-Catholic communities. Openness coupled with a posture of humility creates a space for healthy dialogue with other Christian communities. Furthermore, if the hope for unity is grounded in the belief that Christ is the true head of the whole Church, reconciling all of humanity to himself, openness and humility will flow from the heart of Catholicism.*

## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of October, with the celebration of World Mission Sunday, offers to diocesan and parish communities, institutes of consecrated life, ecclesial movements and the entire People of God an opportunity to renew the commitment to proclaim the Gospel and to give pastoral activities greater missionary perspective. This annual event invites us to live intensely the liturgical and catechetical, charitable and cultural processes through which Jesus Christ summons us to the banquet of his word and of the Eucharist, to taste the gift of his presence, to be formed at his school and to live ever more closely united to him, our teacher and Lord. He himself tells us, "He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (Jn 14: 21). Only on the basis of this encounter with the Love of God that changes life can we live in communion with him and with one another and offer our brothers and sisters a credible witness, accounting for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pt 3: 15). An adult faith, capable of entrusting itself totally to God with a filial attitude fostered by prayer, meditation on the word of God and study of the truth of the faith, is a prerequisite for furthering a new humanism founded on the Gospel of Jesus.

Furthermore, in many countries the various ecclesial activities are resumed in October, after the summer break, and the Church invites us to learn from Mary, by praying the Holy Rosary, to contemplate the Father's plan of love for humanity, to love her as he loves her. Is not this also the meaning of mission?

Indeed, the Father calls us to be sons and daughters loved in the beloved Son, and to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in him who is the gift of salvation for humanity divided by discord and sin, and the revealer of the true face of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3: 16).

"We wish to see Jesus" (Jn 12: 21), is the request in John's Gospel that some Greeks, who had arrived in Jerusalem for the paschal pilgrimage, address to the Apostle Philip. It also resonates in our hearts during this month of October which reminds us that the commitment to, and task of, Gospel proclamation is a duty of the whole Church, "by her very nature missionary" (Ad gentes, n. 2), and invites us to become champions of the newness of life made up of authentic relationships in communities founded on the Gospel. In a multiethnic society that is experiencing increasingly disturbing forms of loneliness and indifference, Christians must learn to offer signs of hope and to become universal brethren, cultivating the great ideals that transform history and, without false illusions or useless fears, must strive to make the planet a home for all peoples.

Like the Greek pilgrims of two thousand years ago, the people of our time too, even perhaps unbeknown to them, ask believers not only to "speak" of Jesus, but to "make Jesus seen", to make the face of the Redeemer shine out in every corner of the earth before the generations of the new millennium and especially before the young people of every continent, the privileged ones to whom the Gospel proclamation is intended. They must perceive that Christians bring Christ's word because he is the truth, because they have found in him the meaning and the truth for their own lives.

# is the Key to the Mission

These considerations refer to the missionary mandate that all the baptized and the entire Church have received but that cannot be fulfilled without a profound personal, community and pastoral conversion. In fact, awareness of the call to proclaim the Gospel not only encourages every individual member of the faithful but also all diocesan and parish communities to integral renewal and ever greater openness to missionary cooperation among the Churches, to promote the proclamation of the Gospel in the heart of every person, of every people, culture, race and nationality in every place. This awareness is nourished through the work of Fidei Donum priests, consecrated people, catechists and lay missionaries in the constant endeavour to encourage ecclesial communion so that even the phenomenon of “interculturality” may be integrated in a model of unity in which the Gospel is a leaven of freedom and progress, a source of brotherhood, humility and peace (cf. *Ad gentes*, n. 8). The Church in fact “is in the nature of sacrament a sign and instrument, that is, of communion with God and of unity among all men” (*Lumen gentium*, n. 1).

Ecclesial communion is born from the encounter with the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who, through the Church’s proclamation reaches out to human beings and creates fellowship with himself and hence with the Father and the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Jn 1: 3). Christ establishes the new relationship between man and God. “He reveals to us that “God is love’ (1 Jn 4: 8) and at the same time teaches us that the fundamental law of human perfection, and consequently of the transformation of the world, is the new commandment of love. He assures those who trust in the charity of God that the way of love is open to all men and that the effort to establish a universal brotherhood will not be in vain” (*Gaudium et spes*, n. 38).

The Church becomes “communion” on the basis of the Eucharist in which Christ, present in bread and in wine with his sacrifice of love builds the Church as his Body, uniting us with the Triune God and with one another (cf. 1 Cor 10: 16ff.). In the Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum caritatis* I wrote, “The love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with everyone. What the world needs is God’s love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him” (n. 84). For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the Church’s life, but also of her mission: “an authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church” (*ibid.*), which can bring all to communion with God, proclaiming with conviction “that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us” (1 Jn 1: 3).

Dear friends, on this World Mission Sunday in which the heart’s gaze extends to the immense spaces of mission, let us all be protagonists of the Church’s commitment to proclaim the Gospel. The missionary impulse has always been a sign of vitality for our Churches (cf. *Encyclical Letter, Redemptoris missio*, n. 2), with their cooperation and their unique witness of unity, brotherhood and solidarity that gives credibility to heralds of the Love that saves!

I therefore renew to everyone the invitation to pray and, despite financial difficulties, to offer fraternal and concrete help to support the young Churches. This act of love and sharing, which the precious service of the Pontifical Missionary Societies to which I express my gratitude will see to allocating, will support the formation of priests, seminarians and catechists in the most distant mission lands and will encourage the young ecclesial communities.

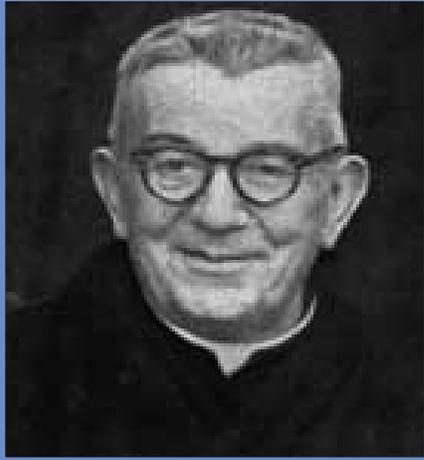
At the end of this annual Message for World Mission Sunday, I would like with special affection to express my gratitude to missionaries who bear witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God in the most remote and challenging places, often with their lives. To them, who are in the vanguard of the Gospel’s proclamation, every believer offers friendship, closeness and support. May God who loves a cheerful giver (cf. 2 Cor 9: 7) fill them with spiritual fervour and deep joy.

As with the “Yes” of Mary, every generous response of the ecclesial community to the Divine invitation to love our brothers and sisters, will raise up a new Apostolic and ecclesial motherhood (cf. Gal 4: 4, 19, 26), leaving us struck by the mystery of the God of love who “when the time had fully come... sent forth his Son, born of a woman” (Gal 4: 4) to give faith and boldness to the new Apostles. Such a response will make everyone capable “rejoicing in hope” (Rom 12: 12) by realizing the project of God, who wills “that the whole human race form one people of God, be united in the one body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit” (*Ad gentes*, n. 7).

From the Vatican, 6 February 2010

BENEDICTUS PP. XVI

# All About Don Carlo Braga



Born in Tirano, Italy on May 23, 1889. He died in Bacolor, Pampanga on January 3, 1971 at the age of 82, after 65 years of religious life and 57 years of priesthood. He was Rector for 14 years, Provincial for 23 Visitor for 5 years.

It was the 3rd of January, Feast of the Epiphany, Fr. Braga was up as usual preparing to leave for Guagua town where he was wont to celebrate his Mass every Sunday. Passing through the corridor he heard coughing and struggling

to clear his throat. He seemed to find great difficulty in breathing. The other confreres heard him; so they came out and helped him back to his bed. While he lay resting, a priest was at his side holding his hand, praying and assuring him that the doctor had been summoned. "Don't worry; it's all over" he said and closed eyes as though to sleep; and peacefully he did sleep, never to open them again. The doctor pronounced Fr. Braga's demise as a case of coronary thrombosis.

Born in Tirano, Italy on the 23rd of May 1889, Charles was bereaved of his mother at a tender age and his upbringing was entrusted to the Salesians at Sondrio, in Italy. The atmosphere that enveloped him in his house of Don Bosco was so homely, that he acquired a liking for it and decided never to leave this Salesian Family. He made it his home, and from it he began to learn the joy and experience that would one day be his in far away China where he himself would have to house so many orphans, assure them of his love, prepare them in a Christian and Salesian spirit to face life and provide them with a means of gaining their livelihood just as Don Bosco had done!

He was barely sixteen when he entered the Salesian Society. His academic and philosophical courses were undertaken at Valsalice under the patronage of the first Salesians and contemporaries of St. John Bosco. At the outbreak of the First World War he was recruited into the Army and remained in service for three years enduring every kind of hardship in the thick and thin of military warfare. When the war had ended he returned with the rank of 'Sergeant', feeling more than ever attached to his Salesian Vocation.

After his priestly ordination, the desire of dedicating himself to God with greater service directed his thoughts towards the Far East: deep within his apostolic heart there was a soft spot for China and thither he found his way. At Shiuchow, in Southern China, he met Msgr. Versiglia, whose sanctity was already well-known. This saintly Salesian, later to be martyred in China and thither he found

his way. At Shiuchow, in Southern China, immediately sensing the calibre of a man like Fr. Braga in the field of education, appointed him Director of a mission school at Ho Sai. Bubbling with youthful enthusiasm and missionary zeal, his talents as a sportsman and musician went a long way towards transforming the mission school into a veritable hub of activity. With conversions on the increase, it became necessary to open a center for the formation of teachers who would be sent to the various schools attached to the other mission-outposts.

In 1930, Fr. Braga, who had, by now, very skillfully acquired a keen insight into the character and customs of the Chinese people, was appointed Provincial. Impelled by a profound love for them, he literally launched into a Salesian conquest of China.

Through the incentive of such a dynamic Provincial, the orphanage at Macau and the mission school flourished. In Hong Kong too, under the able guidance of our beloved Fr. Braga, the Salesians organized five big and very modern institutions comprising about 10,000 pupils.

Very soon all this was disrupted by the outbreak of World War II. Many of the confreres were interned in one of our Houses in Hong Kong. Fr. Braga, however, was able to arranged for the aspirants, novices, philosophers and theologians to be transferred to Shanghai's Chinatown. It was a desolate place, but he knew how to transform it into a flourishing house of formation for 160 Chinese aspirants to the priesthood, 400 boarders, mostly orphans, who in those days, roamed the streets of that immense city by the thousands. They were either dying of starvation or were abandoned along the streets of that immense city by the thousands. They were either dying of starvation or were abandoned along the streets. There was only one Salesian institute in Shanghai at the time. Fr. Braga soon brought into existence a second one; he multiplied the personnel and as if the bitter conditions of the merciless war between the Chinese and the Japanese didn't exist at all, he went up as far North as Shiu Chow to found another work and finally opened a Salesian school in Peking, thus bringing to reality a dream of Don Bosco.

He had already started a big school in Kunning near the border of Burma; and by now, Salesian centers had been established in all the chief cities of the vast yellow continent. He was already dreaming of a new Salesian Province in the North of China when the bitter wave of communism struck again to put an end to every Christian, educational and charitable enterprise.

To witness the gradual destruction of these undertakings after being Provincial for 20 years would have been enough to paralyze all his initiatives; undaunted, however, this man of God and perfect imitator of Don Bosco, continued his work a superior of the Chinese Salesian Province for three years more, without ceasing to cast his glance over the horizon for other fields of apostolic labor. At the instigation of Fr. Peter Ricaldone, the Rector Major of the Society, Fr. Braga turned his gaze towards the Philippines and Indo-China (Vietnam) with the opening of a Salesian school in Tarlac and

another in Hanoi respectively. Pretty well advanced in years, he was 62, the Superiors from Turin thought it best to allow Fr. Braga a little rest. A few months later, however, he appeared in the Philippines like a simple confrere.

He was appointed as first Rector of Don Bosco Victorias and later of Don Bosco Makati. In 1955 he was designated as Superior of the new Philippine Province. Despite his advanced age he was able to give such an impetus to our works in the Philippines as to arouse the admiration of many who had witnessed the humble beginnings of Don Bosco in Manila, Bacolor, Tarlac, Cebu, Victorias and Canlubang.

In 1963, he celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination amidst the rejoicing of so many spiritual sons in China and in the Philippines. In 1965 he took part in the General Chapter of the Salesian Congregation for the seventh time- a rare privilege of any Salesian.

One would not understand how Fr. Braga was able to accomplish so much in all his apostolic missionary enterprises and with such a tremendous success unless one were to grasp his profound Salesian spirituality. A missionary, fired with apostolic zeal and animated like Christ by a deep spirit of love and compassion towards the countless youthful souls lost in the darkness of paganism, Fr. Braga spent his long life working for all his undertakings in the spirit of our Father, St. John Bosco-always paternal and full of sympathy for his confreres. He fostered cheerfulness and human goodness wherever he went. He cherished a holy friendship for all the families of his confreres, the families of his benefactors and his pupils.

Throughout his long apostolate bringing into existence so many institutions, he always remained poor, but was gifted by God in surrounding himself with a circle of friends and benefactors both in China as well as in the Philippines, who willingly and generously disposed of what the Lord had blessed them with. He enchanted everybody with his large-hearted goodness and super-abounding gratitude; overflowing with charity and magnanimity, he found his way into the intimacy of homes and families turning them into providential instruments and means where with to provide the necessary education for many poor and abandoned youths. With these good benefactors he was extremely delicate, a perfect gentle man and a faithful imitator of Don Bosco.

At the foot of all these extraordinary qualities and the numerous undertakings of his multi-faceted life, there was one side, unseen, perhaps hidden from our eyes but undoubtedly the unique force that made him the good Father we all have known; his intimate union with God, his love for Jesus, a secret longing to give himself to the Lord as a holocaust of an unconditional surrender.

His childlike love for Mary Help of Christians and Don bosco assuming so many forms, was manifested so enthusiastically and youthfully in every environment of our Salesian schools both in China and in the Philippines, as a testimony of his being the humble instrument of their salvific love for the immense mass of boys in this enchanting extremity of Asia.

The numerous testimonies received by way of condolences on the occasion of his death help to complete the picture of this genuine son of Don Bosco and intrepid missionary. Just to mention a few of the most notable ones:

The Rector Major (Aloysius Ricceri) cabling fraternal participation through sorrowful prayer at our loss, remembers “Fr. Braga as a model of generous missionary dedication burning with a jovial Salesian spirit.”

Fr. Alvin Fedrigotti “exhorts Fr. Braga’s survivors to cull from the garden of such a resourceful life the splendid example of total surrender to Don Bosco and the Congregation which only a few loved more than he.”

Fr. Modesto Bellido, one-time Counsellor for the Missions, has this to say: “He was, in truth, the Patriarch of the Far Eastern Provinces. The Lord has certainly granted him the reward reserved for our great missionaries.”

One of our missionary bishops of Thailand, Msgr. Peter Carretto attests: “Indeed, the Salesian Family of the Far East has lost a confrere that was simply marvellous. China, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam, to say nothing of the Philippines where he spent his last years, have been enriched in one way or another by his profound Salesian and missionary spirit, by his paternal goodness and his contagious enthusiasm.”

Fr. Luigi Fiora was shocked at the news of Fr. Braga’s sudden death “since he was such a popular figure with an unmistakable optimism all his own. These are the dynamic celebrities that have really kept the Salesian Congregation going.”

To wind up, Fr. Fancis Laconi, who had preached three courses of Retreats in the Philippines with Fr. Braga close to him as Retreat-Director, describes him these words: “Living a life of unique generosity and dedication without reserve and possessing a soul so simple and crystal clear, his whole being was one unbroken visualization of a magnificent landscape. A man of goodness, a kind-hearted man of unsurpassable optimism, he remained till the very last in the forefront, fighting the good fight. For me, Fr. Braga is one of those Salesians who can never be forgotten. Like a might one hat has fallen in the heat of the day’s labor, he is one of those Salesians before whom we ought to bow in reverence filled with admiration.”

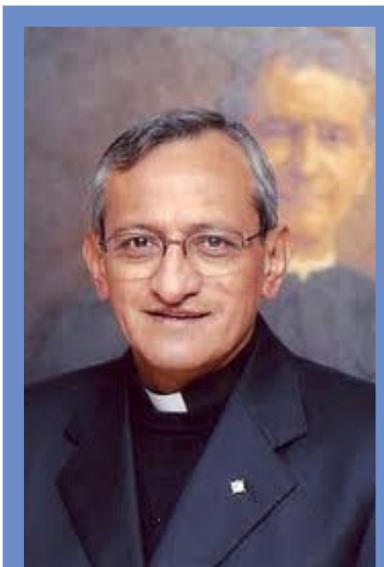
Our beloved Fr. Braga did not expect to end so soon, but the Lord willed that his death should leave upon our minds the same impression that he had always reflected in our midst-ever cheerful, every ready for anything, observant in his religious life and always punctual on the spot where duty called. So it was, when at 5:30 a.m., on the 3rd of January, Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating the missionary to the Nations, this dynamic missionary most peacefully lay down and gave up his soul to God.

By Fr. Luigi Ferrari, SDB  
March 30, 1971

## Fr. Pascual Chavez, Don Bosco Rector Major, visits Manila from Oct. 18 to 22

Fr. Pascual Chavez, rector major of more than 16,000 Don Bosco (Salesian) fathers and brothers in over 130 countries, is coming to visit his confreres in the Philippines from Oct. 18 to 22. Fr. Chavez will meet all the Salesians in the country, particularly the leaders of the Salesian houses, to strengthen them in their mission for the education and evangelization of young people, not only in the Philippines, but also in the missions of Solomon Islands, Guam, Pakistan, and Papua, New Guinea, entrusted to his Filipino confreres.

The Rector Major will spend a day in Don Bosco Academy, Mabalacat, Pampanga to introduce the process for the sainthood of Fr. Charles Braga, a pioneer in the Don Bosco work in the Philippines. Fr. Braga was a



looming figure of the Salesian work in China before his expulsion to the Philippines during the communist revolution. Cardinal Joseph Zen, a Salesian prelate from Hong Kong, will also be in town to give his testimony on the virtues of Fr. Braga, along with Salesian Bishop Leo Drona of San Pablo, Laguna, Salesian Bishop Patrick Buzon of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, and Bishop Paciano Aniceto of San Fernando, Pampanga whose confessor was Fr. Braga during his seminary years.

Fr. Chavez will also meet in Manila with the younger Salesians coming from 10 different countries in Asia and the Pacific studying for priesthood or preparing for their final vows. He will then spend time with the Tuloy sa Don Bosco Street Children Village in Alabang among 300 street kids close to his heart.

## Missionary Animation visit to Salesian Settings both Schools and Parishes

*Once again, we would like to make our rounds of visit in the different Salesian Settings to monitor the missionary animation desk we have begun last year.*



*For this year's agenda, we would like to present the following:*

- *Feedback on EAO Regional Missionary Animation Meeting of November 2009.*
- *The celebration of the DOMISAL with the theme "The Salesians of Don Bosco walking together with young Gypsies" (2010)*
- o *Poster Making Contest for Elementary and High School level*
- o *Essay writing contest regarding the DOMISAL theme*

- *Missionary Animation Symposium*
- *Lay Missionary Volunteerism Ad Gentes Ad Extra*
- *Volunteers proclaiming the Gospel (2011)*
- *Missionary Animation Desk*

*Thank you very much.*

*Note: We request the communities to set aside a particular day to celebrate the Domisal 2010 according to your most convenient time.*

